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Max Kahn papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Max Kahn papers
<b>Date:</b>	1949-1993
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.kahnmax
<b>Creator:</b>	Kahn, Max
<b>Extent:</b>	0.6 Linear feet ((partially microfilmed on 1 reel))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Material on reel 1128 lent for microfilming 1976 and unmicrofilmed material donated 1976 by Max Kahn and in 2007 by David Strauss, Kahn's cousin.

### Location of Originals

Reel 1128: Originals returned to Kahn after microfilming.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 1128 available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Dealer, collector; New York, N.Y. Gave financial support to painter Lee Gatch. Kahn was associated with J.B. Neumann from 1947-1953, and with Grace Borgenicht 1953-ca. 1960.

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## Scope and Contents

Correspondence, photographs, works of arts, printed material and financial records regarding artists Lee Gatch, J.B. Neumann, Curt Valentine and Max Beckmann. Also included are letters to Kahn regarding museum gifts.

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UNMICROFILMED: Letters regarding museum gifts are from H. W. Catling, Julia Robertson, Evelyn Harrison, J. Carter Brown, Earl A. Powell, III, Virginia Mecklenburg, Ruth Fine and others.

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REEL 1128: A card file on paintings by Gatch, 1925-1957, listing title, date, size, exhibition history, locations of reproductions, present location. In addition, there is a photograph of "My Three Aunts" with descriptive notes.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Art -- Collectors and collecting -- United States  
Painting, Modern -- 20th century -- United States

Names:

Beckmann, Max, 1884-1950  
Gatch, Lee, 1902-1968  
Neumann, J. B. (Jsrael Ber)  
Valentine, Curt

Occupations:

Art dealers -- New York (State) -- New York  
Painters -- New York (State) -- New York